Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The year 2003 marks the 100th Anniversary of a uniquely American invention, the Wright Brothers' discovery of powered flight; and,

Whereas, The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is celebrating the Centennial of Flight through its nationwide "Countdown to Kitty Hawk" program in partnership with the National Park Service; and,

Whereas, As part of that year-long celebration, the EAA and the National Park Service have joined forces to conduct a "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" initiative in which one EAA member from each of the 50 United States shall fly their respective state flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, during 2003 to pay tribute to the Wright Brothers, who were in fact, the first "homebuilders"; and,

Whereas, Those 50 flags will become part of a permanent EAA/National Park Service display on the Wright Memorial grounds; and,

Whereas, Amanda Svec of South Dakota has been chosen by the EAA to fly the South Dakota state flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2003, as

50 FLAGS TO KITTY HAWK DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join me in this national celebration of the innovation and pioneering spirit of the Wright Brothers and a century of powered flight.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State